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WRECK

On Norfolk & Western Railroad at Hewlett Station Early Tues- day Morning.

At two o'clock Tuesday morning a bad wreck occurred on the Norfolk & Western railway at Hewlett station, four miles from Louisa. Fast passenger train No. 3 ran into an extra freight train, head on. No lives were lost, but several persons were more or less injured.

Both engines were badly damaged and a baggage car badly wrecked. The engine crews escaped by jumping just in time to save their lives. It required five hours to clear the wreck.

The freight train reached the siding twenty minutes ahead of the passenger, which was reported from Williamson as running forty minutes late. Upon pulling into the siding it was discovered that the train had broken in two. A brakeman was sent ahead to flag the passenger train, while the freight backed out to pick up the detached portion of its train.

There was an unusually heavy fog. It seems that the brakeman failed to go far enough up the track. He put the three caps on the rail, which is the signal for the engineer to stop the train, but No. 3 was running at terrific speed in an effort to make up the lost time, and the distance between the point of signal and the other train was too short to bring the train to a standstill. The passenger reversed the engine and applied the emergency brake with such effect that passengers were thrown from their seats. It was only an instant afterward that the collision occurred.

The freight engine was not in motion when struck. The tender of No. 3's engine climbed into the cab and rested astride the boiler in such a way that death would have come to the engineer and fireman if they had remained in the cab.

A passenger who was passing from the car to another at the time of the wreck had a thumb mashed off. Others were cut and bruised in various ways. The conductor and a brakeman were painfully injured. Two physicians were on the train and gave the passengers prompt attention.

The Fort Gay Leader says in reference to this wreck:

"Hewlett station has been closed since last fall when a general cut was made on operators. An agent there would have saved this wreck. The cost of this wreck would have paid an agent for two years."

The Dog Law.

Frankfort, Ky., July 27.—Dogs in Kentucky are going to prove an important factor in educating the children. The "Crown dog tax law" has brought more revenue for the school fund of the counties than was dreamed of by the framers of the bill. There is now in the state Treasury something like \$95,000 that has not been claimed for dead sheep, and much of it will go into the school fund. In Franklin county the school fund will be increased \$400, and when it is taken into consideration that this is a sheep growing county, then it will be seen the amount that will be paid into the school funds of the counties that do not raise sheep.

The law is working a hardship on the dogs, for thousands of them are being led to the slaughter house annually. In 1907 there were over 180,000 dogs reported by the Assessors, and this year, so far, there have been 143,000 dogs reported.

As to the fact that the constitutionality of the law was questioned, the suit deciding its constitutionality was not passed upon by the Court of Appeals until a few days before the court adjourned for summer vacation. There are thousands of dollars in dog taxes that have not been paid into the treasury this year. In fact, there was a deficit of \$125,706.88, and out of that \$32,337.60 was paid out for the sheep killed.

Rev. S. C. Elsen, of Louisa, occupied the pulpit at the First M. E. Church here yesterday, and preached two strong sermons. He returned home today.—Ashland Independent.

Lived Together For Sixty Years.

The recent celebration of the 50th anniversary of Judge and Mrs. R. T. Burns has brought out the fact that John Picklesimer and wife, of this place, are nearing the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage. If they live until Sept. 21st they will have lived out this long span of their life partnership.

They were married in Floyd county when Mr. Picklesimer was in his 21st year and his bride slightly younger. The former is now almost 81 years old and is well preserved for a man of his age. His wife is also in good health and they have good grounds for hoping to see their diamond anniversary, which comes at the end of seventy-five years of married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Picklesimer are highly esteemed by all who know them. They are living quietly and comfortably in their cottage opposite the freight depot. They have a number of interesting relics of pioneer days. One of these is a razor and the wooden box in which it was carried through the Revolutionary war by his father. May this venerable couple live to enjoy many returns of this anniversary.

BACK TAXES

Will Be Collected By Kentucky's Auditor From Corporations and Individuals.

Frankfort, Ky., July 25.—Auditor Frank P. James is going to step into the breach and endeavor to raise enough money for the State treasury in back taxes from corporations and individuals to tide over the period until there shall be a good working margin in State treasury, so that there will be no necessity for an extra session. He says he believes that there is fully an aggregate of \$500,000 owing to the State in such back taxes, and he is on the lookout for a good, live Auditor's agent in each county in the State to ferret out the delinquents and make them come in with the cash. Mr. James will make an especial effort along this line during the next sixty or ninety days, and he believes that at the end of that time he will have results to show for the financial campaign which he has undertaken.

If suits are necessary to collect the delinquent taxes they will be brought, and he has secured an opinion from Attorney General Breathitt that the claim of the State for taxes remains as long as a judgment under the law. Every corporation in Kentucky must pay a license tax of 30 cents on each \$1,000 of its capital stock, and but few corporations have paid this tax, but Mr. James says they must pay it, and the sooner they do it, the less expense they will be put to. The penalty increases rapidly and largely.

New Kentucky Novel.

The mountains of Kentucky are again used as the location for the plot of a novel. We have not seen it, but the following is the wording of an advertisement sent out about it.

Ginseng county, Ky., beyond the famous Bluegrass region—Ginseng county, a succession of hills and bowlders and miniature canyons and sparkling streams, where the rarest wild flowers grow and the sunset glorious; Ginseng county, where the people live as their great-grandfathers lived, where the mail is carried on horse back, and comes twice a week in favorable weather; where the houses are built of hewn logs, the women weave their own linen-woolsey, and the men talk the politics of two decades ago. That is Ginseng county, beyond the beautiful Bluegrass country.

Hung Jury In Otis Riley Case.

Otis Riley, the policeman at Williamson, W. Va., who killed Alex Trent, an aged citizen of Wayne county, was tried a few days ago and the case resulted in a hung jury. It is said the jury stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction.

DEATH

Again Enters the Home of Judge T. S. Thompson And Plucks a Flower.

Judge T. S. Thompson and wife, Maria Waldeck Thompson, have again been compelled to pass through one of the saddest ordeals of this life—the giving up of their only child.

On last Saturday morning, July 25th, little Thomas S. Thompson, age 15 months, closed his eyes in death, after an illness of only a week's duration. It had been apparent for two or three days to some of those who had watched by his bedside that his chances for recovery were very slight. The brain became involved and all efforts to restore the little fellow to health were of no avail.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon from the residence, under the direction of Rev. O. F. Williams, of the M. E. Church South. A very large number of deeply sympathetic friends attended. The body was laid to rest in Pine Hill Cemetery.

Less than three years ago these parents passed through a very similar experience. Another little son, 22 months of age, died in much the same manner as did this one. Thus the present case brings to them a double portion of sorrow. Upon each of these little boys was bestowed the best care and warmest affection possible. In them were centered the fondest hopes of their parents. Each was a bright little son, and remained here just long enough to thoroughly interest all his many relatives and friends and find a place in their affections. Words of consolation sufficient to assuage the grief that comes in cases like this are not to be found. The experience is inexpressibly sad. The tenderest sympathy is aroused in every breast by the thought of the heart rending pangs of grief that come to parents who are forced to part from their little ones. And we are reminded of the utter helplessness of human hands when we stand by the death bed and see the life of a loved one slowly and surely passing out in spite of all that we can do. Then it is that we are most deeply impressed with the fact that the only hope worth clinging to is the hope of eternal life beyond the grave.

Little Thomas has gone to join Clyde in that Eternal City. The one consoling thought is that there is no doubt about the destiny of these two children. We are not always so sure about some who die after reaching the years of maturity.

Mr. W. J. Vaughan, of Louisa, a live wire in Sunday school work and a good speaker, talked at Washington Saturday evening, at the Second M. E. Church, Sixth ward, Sunday morning and for the union services at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening.—Mayville Bulletin.

On next Sunday morning there will be the regular service at the Baptist Church excepting that an address by Mr. Wayne Cordell will be given instead of the sermon by the pastor. The people generally are invited to hear this address, the subject being "Temperance."

J. S. Billups, Freella Christian, P. P. Lester, F. M. Thompson, W. T. Workman and T. V. Crum, all of Butler district, and G. H. Marcum and J. T. Lambert of Lincoln district, left yesterday for Charleston to assist in the nomination of the next governor of West Virginia.—Fort Gay Leader.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Biggs returned Monday from a visit in Greenup. Dr. left Tuesday for Holden, W. Va., where he will locate. Mrs. Biggs remained here for a visit to her sister, Mrs. G. R. Vinson, before going to Holden.

On last Saturday Rob Rowe was married to Miss Haven, a daughter of Charley Haven, a former section foreman on the N. & W. at Saltpeper. Mr. Rowe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Rowe.

Reuben Nolan died Wednesday afternoon in Louisa and the body was taken to Smoky Valley for interment. He leaves a large family.

Mrs. Harrington is Better.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Hermia Northrup Harrington's condition shows considerable improvement.

Our last issue told of her dangerous illness at the home of Dr. Wood, in Buffalo, N. Y. Appendicitis had developed, along with other troubles, and there was but little hope for her. It is now believed that she will soon be able to withstand an operation for appendicitis.

Barn Burned

Last Monday morning the barn belonging to Harrison Wilson was, with its contents, destroyed by fire. The barn was a new one, and the hay, onions and other farm products and some good machinery worth about one hundred dollars. Mr. Wilson, who lives on Lick creek, about three miles from this place, is an industrious, good citizen, and his loss falls heavily upon him. The cause of the fire is unknown, but incendiarism is suspected.

AUGUST 3RD

The New Mail Service Will Go Into Effect On Big Sandy Trains.

At last!

Date fixed for August 3rd.

Uncle Sam and the C. & O. Railway, two great and very slow moving bodies, have at last taken action in the matter of giving the people of the Big Sandy Valley the mail service that they are entitled to.

A mail car and two railway mail clerks have been assigned to service on the Big Sandy passenger train leaving Ashland at 4 p. m. and Pikeville in the early morning. This does not apply to Sunday trains, however, on which the service will remain as heretofore.

Also, another order will go into effect on that day that will establish mail service on the train running between Pikeville and Praise. Passenger trains have been operated on that division for nearly three years and the mail has been carried alongside the track on horseback all that time.

The new arrangement between Ashland and Pikeville will give all offices along the line four mails a day instead of two and will greatly facilitate the dispatch of business.

Fort Gay Items.

Dr. Lockwood and S. Z. Frasher are building handsome residences here.

A little child of L. D. Rigg, of Centerville, died last week of whooping cough.

Died, on July 28th, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Frasher, aged about five months, of brain fever.

On the 1st day of court at Wayne next week Hon. W. R. Thompson, of Huntington, and Judge W. W. Marcum will address the people on matters political.

On last Wednesday the Artrip family spent the day in a family reunion, at the home of Lindsey Artrip, who prepared them a sumptuous dinner of roast pig, chicken and everything that was necessary to satisfy the appetite of any one.

The parties present were: Mrs. Ada Artrip, the mother of the family; Lindsey Artrip, wife and several children; Volney H. Artrip, wife and one child; John B. Artrip, wife and two daughters; Mrs. Wayne Artrip and child; Beverly Artrip and wife; Christopher Artrip, wife and two daughters; and Mrs. Converse Webb.

The reunion was celebrated in honor of Beverly Artrip and wife, of Pittsburg, Pa., who came on a visit to see his aged mother, brother and sister, after an absence of two years. The day was delightfully spent by all.—Fort Gay Leader.

FATAL ACCIDENT

At East Liverpool Ends Life Of John A. Burns, Formerly Of This Section.

The following account of a sad accident that resulted in the death of a former Big Sandlian is taken from the Evening Review, of East Liverpool Ohio. A large number of relatives of the dead man live in Lawrence and Boyd counties.

John A. Burns, aged 53 years, was almost instantly killed by a horse and wagon, which he was driving, being precipitated over a 35 foot embankment last Wednesday night.

Frank Hickman, a companion and Robert Burns, the 10-year-old son of the unfortunate man, were also in the wagon, but escaped injury.

The party had removed some furniture to a point on the hill and were returning to the East End, their homes, and were traveling an unfamiliar road.

At the point on this road where the accident occurred the roadbed is high and narrow, with an embankment on both sides. The men were not aware of this, and in the darkness did not perceive their danger until it was too late. Taking a road which they presumed would lead them directly to Pennsylvania avenue, they drove for some distance when Hickman told Burns they were on the wrong track.

Burns commenced to turn. The wagon, in backing, was precipitated over the embankment and the horse turned a summersault in going down. Falling upon Burns it crushed his breast and abdomen and death followed in a short time. Hickman and the boy were thrown under the vehicle into a pool of mud. Although somewhat dazed for a moment, Hickman soon came to and went to the rescue of the boy, but he had succeeded in getting out. An effort was then made to place the wagon in an upright position, as it was thought that Burns was under it. This proved too much of a task for Hickman and he went for help.

Almost literally covered with mud Burns was found under the horse. Several members of the rescue party immediately placed him upon a stretcher and carried him to a point on Ambrose avenue. Signs of life were still apparent. But the man soon died.

Besides his wife, 12 children mourn the loss of their father. Burns was practically the sole support of the family, as but one daughter, Mary, is employed and she receives but a minimum amount for working at the porcelain works, East End, where they are operated.

Following are the children; Mrs. Hattie Curnutte, East Liverpool; Mrs. Florence Castle, John and Labe Burns, Ashland, Ky.; Fred Burns, member Company K, Thirtieth Infantry, stationed in the Philippines; Mary E. Burns, aged 18, living at home; Milton B. Charney, 13, Robert L., Bradley 10, Kate 6, and Maggie 4, also at home.

Knowing the painful message that had to be brought to the mother and children a friend of the family proceeded cautiously in imparting the news. The first story told was that the father had been injured and was in the hospital. This thoroughly aroused the family, but later when told that he was dead, their grief was terrible.

John Burns and his family came to this city three years ago from Ashland, Ky., where he was owner of several acres of land. He had been employed as a laborer while in this city. He is said to have been a man of education and highly esteemed and admired. Hickman the owner of the horse and wagon lives near the Burns home on Erie street.

A New Doctor.

The graduating exercises of the Louisville Hospital and Medical College took place yesterday and among the graduates we notice the name of George T. Conley, of this place, son of Mrs. Jennie Conley. George is a bright young man of excellent character and we predict that he will succeed in the practice of his chosen profession.

Charles Gardner Dead.

Many Louisians remember Gardner, the photographer, who many years ago had a gallery in this place. He and his wife lived, if we recollect rightly, in one of the brick houses on the Northeast corner of Water and Main streets. After leaving Louisa they went to Pikeville where Mr. Gardner died last Saturday after an illness of only a few days. He and Mrs. Gardner were held in high esteem by all who knew them.

Base Ball.

As we go to press a game of ball is being played in Fountain Park between Paintsville and Williamson. Both are good teams and it promises to be a fine game. The idea of meeting at Louisa to play the game is a good one, as it saves each team a day's time and makes an easier trip.

A Louisa team went to Ashland and played a game Wednesday, losing by a score of 6 to 4.

The business men won in a game with the professional men last Friday afternoon.

BIGGEST YET.

State Superintendent Crabbe Fixes School Per Capita at \$3.60.

Frankfort, Ky., July 23.—The largest school per capita ever known in Kentucky has been fixed by Superintendent of Public Instruction J. C. Crabbe, the per capita this year is \$3.60, which is twenty cents higher than it was last year, and last year was the high water mark. The increase in school children is 4,735. Prof. Crabbe has been at work on the figures from which he computes the school per capita for some days and completed the task only late this afternoon.

The following is the statement issued by Prof. Crabbe:

The State school fund (estimated) distributed for the payment of teachers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, amounts to \$2,661,667.20.

The per capita is declared \$6.60. The per capita last year was \$3.40; this year is an increase of twenty cents, hence this per capita for the year 1908-09 is the largest in the history of the State.

The school census last year was 734,617 pupils. This year the increase is 4,735 pupils.

Bear Creek.

The revival at Mt. Zion will begin the first Saturday night.

Mrs. Will Rice is visiting her daughter at Marvin.

Miss Emma Byington will leave soon for Zelma where she will stay with her sister.

Carrie and Anna Kinner, Della Opell, Lucy Ross, Lora Queen and Ollie Hall were the guests of Miss Madge Rice Sunday.

Harlan Chapman and wife made a trip to Trace Sunday.

Miss Anna Kinner and Miss Madge Rice will leave soon for Portsmouth. Lumber hauling is all the go on Bear creek.

Sallie Fannin visited Mrs. Chas. Fannin over Sunday.

Wat Riffe of Louisa is visiting his sister this week.

Austin Riffe and W. V. Roberts of Cadmus, were here last week.

George Opell called on home folks Saturday.

Geo. Calvin was on our creek Friday.

Willie Cyrus, of Mahan, was the guest of Miss Madge Rice Monday.

Mrs. D. H. Kinner, Carrie and Lizze Kinner were visiting Mrs. Maggie Vanhorn.

Miss Leva Workman returned home from Durbin Sunday.

Nora Clay is very low.

Tobe Caldwell visited Della Opell Saturday.

Fannie BoCook and sister Belle visited their brother at Catlettsburg. John Strother was on our creek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fannin were visiting their daughter at Bow creek.

Will BoCook went to Culbertson Saturday. Two Friends.